

## Corcan-Meadowood Residents' Association

### Minutes of Regular Meeting Held July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1670 Meadowood Way, Qualicum Beach, BC

**Attendance:** Elaine Peligren, Bob Donald, Alf Jablonski, Diane Anderson, Gerry Anderson, Annie Donald, Tim Peligren.

**Guests:** David Carter

**Meeting Called to Order:** at 6:30 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Bob Donald moved to Approve the Agenda, seconded by Gerry Anderson, Carried.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Alf Jablonski moved to Approve Previous Minutes, seconded by Diane Anderson, Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Diane Anderson reported the following Bank Balances:

Operating Acct. - \$8,867.39 (as at July 8/15) Highway Access Acct. - \$34,521.42 (as at June 30/15)

**Notes to balances:** Operating account still has some un-cleared cheques for Canada Day expenses; plus deposit for Safety Grants-In-Aide of \$313.57 received for the 2-way radios. Highway Access Account still awaiting funds from the Metal Bin proceeds of the early May Fundraising Sale.

Diane Anderson also reported we have a total of \$466. in the Operating Account dedicated to Meadowood Community Park Playground equipment fund.

**Highway Access:** A meeting has been arranged for July 29<sup>th</sup> with Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure officials to further discuss the Highway Access Project, among other current topics of concern within our community. Two more Engineering firms have been identified to approach for their quotation on prices of the Engineering Study portion of our project. Appointments will be firmed up after the meeting with Ministry officials, when more concrete planning parameters may be determined.

### **Park Progress and Community Center:**

A special "Opening" of Meadowood Community Park was held in the late afternoon on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 when many residents and youngsters attended the opening ceremony, engaged in fun activities and enjoyed some welcome refreshments. Regional District of Nanaimo officials sponsored the Ceremonies in partnership with a group of volunteers from Corcan-Meadowood Residents' Association. Opening Ceremonies were headed by Tom Osborne, General Manager of R.D.N. Parks & Recreation, with speakers Joe Stanhope, Chairperson of R.D.N. Board of Directors, Julian Fell, Area F Director, Bill Veenhoff, Area H Director, and Chief Michael Recalma, Qualicum First Nations. One of the fun activities included participation by the children in creating paintings on specialized boards which will be installed along the fence at the new Park.

Progress on the Community Hall will continue in early August when meetings with the Regional District and the Architects will solidify further plans going forward. A rough draft of a Members/Rental Agreement for the Community Hall was discussed and amended. The amended copy will be redistributed to the Board Members for further clarification and edification. In the near future we will be presenting an opportunity for the entire Community to be involved in a contest to design a "Logo" for the Community Center.

**Special Events – Canada Day:** The Canada Day event welcomed many guests/participants to enjoy a fun-filled day of multiple activities. The Canadian Forces #442 Squadron from Comox performed their “Fly Over” in grand fashion, dropping colourful streamers right into the new Park playground area. Delighted children were seen racing over to the Park area to capture the treasures falling from the sky. As a tribute to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canadian Maple Leaf Flag, we had a special Flag Raising ceremony executed by Chief Michael Recalma of the Qualicum First Nations. Along with the concession & beer garden, many treats of popcorn, cotton candy, ice cream & cake were thoroughly enjoyed. Kiddies surrounded the Carlos & Carlitta show to get face paintings, balloon animals and experience magic tricks. The Dragon Bouncy Castle was another favourite! Our Craft Market was a real hit with a variety of vendors. Dana on Karaoke kept the entertainment flowing. Everyone enjoyed the great music of the “Vinyl Edge” band as they rocked through the evening. We exercised community fire awareness during this extreme fire risk time by cancelling the fireworks display. While disappointing for many, including the event coordinators, we felt it was too great a risk. Thus, we respected the complete fireworks ban. We contend this also resulted in a much lower attendance than previous years. Hence, we were able to save monies that would have normally been spent on the fireworks. Gerry Anderson made a motion that we carry this profit forward to be used at our 2015 Halloween Event and that we make the fireworks portion of that event larger this year by increasing our budget for the fireworks by \$1,000., seconded by Annie Donald, Carried.

**Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness:** Annie Donald reported that a successful Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness “Fire Smart” session took place on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Dashwood - Meadowood Fire Hall #62 on Galvin Way. This session was coordinated by the Regional District of Nanaimo with Dashwood Fire Dept. Excellent information and Fire Smart tips were presented with lots of very useful handouts and guide books. Residents who were not able to attend are encouraged to pick up their Fire Smart Manual at the Meadowood Convenience Store. Dashwood Volunteer Fire Fighters will be conducting routine tours of the neighbourhoods to assess risk areas and be well prepared through better knowledge of the overall community. These Volunteers may call on individual homes to present information on Fire Smart awareness to residents.

The Dashwood Volunteer Fire Dept. is accepting applications for volunteers. We strongly encourage folks to consider volunteering for your community. There are many different aspects to becoming a Fire Dept. volunteer which entail a wide variety of duties. Not everyone can climb that ladder to the 3<sup>rd</sup> story of a building while hauling up a heavy hose. Yet there are lots of less demanding duties that can be handled by many people. Stop by the Dashwood #61 Fire Hall at 230 Hobbs Road, off the Old Island Highway, Qualicum Beach and speak to Fire Chief Nick Acciavetti during weekday hours; or phone (250) 752-5434; or download the application at <http://www.dashwoodvfd.com/>.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 a special Emergency Program “Prepare to Survive” will be presented at the Coombs Fairgrounds, 1014 Ford Road, Coombs/Errington. This FREE “Prepare To Survive” Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Event offers training for critical skills in any emergency. Copy of details is at end of this document. We encourage folks to take advantage of these free courses, simulation seminars and valuable information.

**Fundraising:** We investigated an opportunity to participate in a Foundation Grants program for fundraising purposes with a particular interest in grant funds for our Highway Engineering Study project. While there are a multitude of Foundation Grants available in Canada, our purpose for grant funds does not qualify for these Grants at this time. In addition, the potential contract participation fees are very expensive and prohibitive for our purposes.

**Media & Communication:** Nothing to Report at this time.

**Charity & Gaming Licenses:** These fundraising alternatives will be further investigated in the near future.

**New Business:**

**Resignation of Directors** – We have recently had 2 Board of Director members move away from the community, resulting in two vacancies on our Board. We are conducting interviews for potential new Directors. To express an interest in a position on the Board, please contact Elaine Peligren, President, at 250 – 816-3130 to arrange an interview.

**Annual General Meeting** – the A.G.M. will take place on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. A time and venue will be determined shortly and announced at our next regular meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. at 1670 Meadowood Way, Qualicum

**Adjournment of Regular Meeting:** Bob Donald made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Alf Jablonski, Carried.

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO** Emergency Program **NEPP** Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program

## Prepare To Survive!

Let's face it. In a large scale disaster, your neighbor just may be your first responder if roads are damaged and emergency services have no access. We're stronger and more resilient working together. The FREE Prepare To Survive NEPP event offers training for critical skills in any emergency.

**WHERE:** Coombs Fairgrounds, 1014 Ford Rd.  
**WHEN:** October 3-4, 2015

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**

<b>A</b> 9:00 AM: BASIC FIRST AID/ CPR	<b>B</b> 9:00 AM: PET EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & FIRST AID
<b>C</b> 1:00 PM: BASIC FIRST AID/CPR	<b>D</b> 1:00 PM: EMOTIONAL FIRST AID

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**

<b>E</b> 8:30 AM NEIGHBORHOOD PREPAREDNESS SKILLS & DISASTER SIMULATION
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## TO REGISTER:

Select the sessions you wish to attend:

**Saturday:**  
**CHOOSE YOUR MORNING SESSION :**  
A/Basic First Aid **OR** B/Pet First Aid  
**CHOOSE YOU AFTERNOON SESSION:**  
C/Basic First Aid **OR** D/Emotional First Aid

**Sunday: ALL DAY SESSION**  
E/NEP Skills & Disaster Simulation

- You can register by emailing [BeReady@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:BeReady@rdn.bc.ca) or by calling 250-390-6526.
- Once we get your registration, you will receive a confirmation by email as well as an email reminder prior to October 3rd, 2015.

*Thank you for your interest in building disaster resilience.*

**Be Safe. Be Proactive. Be Ready!**